Amendment No. 7 to SB0804

<u>Finney</u> Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 804\*

House Bill No. 937

by adding the following new section immediately preceding the last section and by renumbering the subsequent section accordingly:

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1, on or before July 1, 2014, the commissioner of finance and administration is directed to submit an appropriate waiver under any applicable federal law to the federal department of health and human services that seeks special disproportionate share hospital payments for hospitals that provide uncompensated care for uninsured persons who would have been eligible for medical assistance under title 71, chapter 5, part 1, due to the optional expansion of Medicaid under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act [ACA], Public Law 111-118, as amended, for such period of time as the state opts not to undertake the optional expansion of Medicaid. Monies from the special disproportionate share hospital payments waiver may only be used to compensate hospitals that participate in the TennCare program for medical care provided to uninsured persons who would have been eligible for medical assistance under the optional ACA Medicaid expansion.